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Chief, Policy and Compliance Division

Transmittal #69 CHAMPVA Policy Manual

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1. Explanation of changes and related index updates of the CHAMPVA Policy Manual and filing instructions are in the following summary:

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	<u>C-S</u>	<u>Pages</u>	<u>C-S</u>	<u>Pages</u>
<u>Master Table of Contents, (MTOC).</u> Adds new policy, Chapter 2, Section 8.3, <i>Neonatal And Pediatric Critical Care Services</i> .	MTOC	3-19	MTOC	3-19
<u>Chapter 2, Table of Contents.</u> Adds new policy, Chapter 2, Section 8.3, <i>Neonatal And Pediatric Critical Care Services</i> .	TOC-2	3-14	TOC-2	3-14
<u>Chapter 2, Section 4.9,</u> <i>Cardiac Rehabilitation</i> . Amends Procedure Codes.	2-4.9	1-3	2-4.9	1-3
<u>Chapter 2, Section 8.3,</u> <i>Neonatal And Pediatric Critical Care Services</i> . Adds new policy for services provided by a physician directing care of a critically ill neonate/infant.			2-8.3	1
<u>Chapter 2, Section 18.4,</u> <i>Psychotropic Pharmacologic Management</i> . Removes 38 USC 1713 Authority and TRICARE Policy Manual reference and under Policy adds Note that psychotropic pharmacologic management does not count against the two visits per week for psychotherapy.	2-18.4	1-2	2-18.4	1-2

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Chapter 2, Section 18.6, *Psychological Testing*. Removes 38 USC 1713 Authority and TRICARE Policy Manual reference; under Policy adds Note that psychological testing is considered diagnostic services and does not count against the two visits per week for psychotherapy.

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2-18.6	1-2	2-18.6	1-2
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Chapter 3, Section 5.2, *Claimcheck*. Under Description amends Claimcheck; under Policy adds the assistant surgeon (AS) modifier; and under Exclusions adds evaluation and management services when they are part of the overall surgical plan or procedure.

3-5.2	1-3	3-5.2	1-3
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Chapter 3, Section 5.6, *Economic Interest In Connection With Referrals*. Removes 38 USC 1713 Authority and TRICARE Policy Manual reference and under Exclusions adds that the economic interest provision does not apply to psychiatric partial hospitalization.

3-5.6	1	3-5.6	1
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Codes Index. Amends index to add and delete codes referenced in policies.

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Subject Index. Amended to update and include policies referenced in this transmittal.

C- 9 thru C-12 N - 1 thru N - 3	C- 9 thru C- 12 N -1 thru N - 3
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2. File this transmittal memorandum in the front of the CHAMPVA Policy Manual.

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